

REMARKS

Claims 25-31 remain in this application, with Claims 1-24 cancelled and Claims 25-28 and 30-31 amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and review of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 27, 28 and 29. As suggested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended Claims 27 and 28 to independent form, including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have also amended Claims 25, 26, 30 and 31 to depend from Claim 28, which was indicated as being allowable. Applicants have also amended Claim 31 to correct the informality identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, all claims present in the application are deemed to be in condition for allowance.

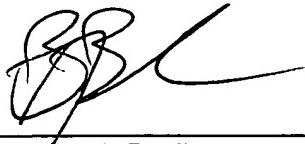
The Examiner rejected Claims 24, 30, and 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Byford in view of Newton's Telecom Dictionary. The Examiner also rejected Claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Byford in view of Newton's Telecom Dictionary, and further in view of Holtzman et al. The Examiner also rejected Claim 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Byford in view of Newton's Telecom Dictionary, and further in view of Reber et al. In the interest of advancing this application to allowance, and without admission regarding the applicability of these references to the claims or disclaimer of the subject matter defined therein, Applicant have opted to cancel Claim 24 on which each of these rejections is based. These rejections are now considered moot.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 25-31 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested, and a timely Notice of Allowability is solicited. To the extent it would be helpful to placing this application in condition for allowance, Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel and conduct a telephonic interview.

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While Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

Respectfully submitted,



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